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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM MAKARIOS' INTERVIEW FEBRUARY 9 WITH
CYPRUS CORRESPONDENT OFMBT ZNS NEWSPAPER KATHIMERINI:

1. ON RELATIONS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT: "THERE IS FULL IDENTITY
OF VIEWS BETWEEN ATHENS AND NICOSIA AS TO THE HANDLING AND FACING
OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING REGULAR CONTACTS AND
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND OUR COOPERATION ON
THE NATIONAL ISSUE OF CYPRUS HAS BEEN HARMONIOUS IN ALL RESPECTS.
I WOULD SAY THAT PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE CYPRUS'S
INDEPENDENCE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FEEL THAT GRCCEC'S SUPPORT IS SO
MOVING AND UNDIVIDED. I DO NOT CONCEAL THE FACT THAT MANY
INTERVENTIONS FROM GREECE IN THE PAST UNDER THE GUISE OF
MATERNAL INTEREST SERVED OTHER EXPEDIENCIES AND PROVED
NATIONALLY HARMFUL TO THE CYPRUS CAUSE. THE SLOGAN OF THE
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GREEK JUNTA THAT EVERYTHING IN CYPRUS SHOULD BE DIRECTED

FROM THE NATIONAL CENTRE, THAT IS ATHENS, FINALLY LED TO THE PRESEOGINATIONAL TRAGEDY. THE JUNTA'S SLOGAN ABOUT OBEDIENCE TO THE NATIONAL CENTRE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND DICTATORSHIP TO CYPRUS AND THE RESULT HAS BEEN THE PRESENT GREAT CALAMITY. I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THE PRESENT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, HEADED BY MR C KARAMANLIS, IS FACING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, ITS SOLE CRITERION BEING THE NATIONAL INTEREST, AND WE HAVE FULLCONFIDENCE IN IT."

2. ON "DEJUNTANIZATION" (IN REPLY TO STATEMENT THAT CYPRUS FOLLOWING "A POLICY OF OBLIVION"): "CONDITIONS IN GREECE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN CYPRUS. I HAVE PURSUED A POLICY OF OBLIVION IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNITY OF OUR INTERNAL FRONT. THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, CONCERNS THE PAST. IF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN DO NOT SHOW REPENTANCE AND IF THEY RESORT TO ACTIONS WHICH ARE NATIONALLY HARMFUL, THERE WILL BE NO TOLERANCE. IN SUCH A CASE, THEIR PAST RECORD WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION."

3. ON CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS: "THE PROSPECTS AS TO THE OUT-COME OF THE TALKS ARE NOT CLEAR YET. IF, HOWEVER, BE SAID THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR OPTIMISM. THE AIM OF THE TURKS IS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DE FACTO SITUATION THEY HAVE CREATED BY FORCE OF ARMS. NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT WE, GREEK CYPRIOTS, WILL NEVER ACCEPT THIS SITUATION EVEN IF WE HAVE TO GO INTO A LONG STRUGGLE."

4. ON PROSPECTS FOR A FIVE-PARTY CONFERENCE: "A FIVE-PARTY CONFERENCE, SUCH AS THE ONE HELD IN GENEVA LAST AUGUST, WILL NOT HAVE GOOD RESULTS FOR US. WE SUPPORT A WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SUCH AS THE ONE PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR THE SECURITY-COUNCIL TO SET UP A COMMITTEE FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, PERMANENT OR NON-PERMANENT, WHICH UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UN SECRETARY-GNEERAL WILL KEEP A WATCH ON AND SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THW WORLD ORGANIZATION AND SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL ON PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH RESOLUTIONS."

5. ON BRITISH SBA'S: "THE BRITISH GOVERNEMNT'S DECISION TO
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USE THE BASES IN CYPRUS FOR THE TRANSFER OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO THE PART OF THE ISLAND OCCUPIED BY THE TURKISH TROOPS CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF THE TREATY OF ESTABLISHMENT AND, MOREOVER, CONTRIBUTES TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE TURKISH PLANS. THERE ARISES, THEREFORE, A SERIOUS QUESTION AS TO THE FUTURE OF THE BASES, I. E., THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR EXISTENCE."

6. ON US AID TO TURKEY: "I DO NOT WISH TO MAKE COMMENTS

WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES. I MERELY SAY THAT TURKEY'S REACTIONS AGAINST THE CUTTING OFF OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID LACK LOGIC. SINCE TURKEY IS USING THE ARMS SUPPLIED TO IT IN A WAY VIOLATING AMERICAN LAWS IT WAS NATURAL FOR THE CONGRESS TO DEMAND RESPECT FOR THE POWS AND NOT TO TOLERATE CONTINUATION OF THE ILLEGALITY. MOREOVER, THE TURKISH MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST CYPRUS CONSTITUTES AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME WHICH WAS COMMITTED WITH AMERICAN ARMS. TURKEY IRRATIONALLY WANTS THE SUPPLY OF ARMS NOT TO BE INTERRUPTED FOR THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CRIME. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT DEVELOPMENTS AND REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE INTERRUPTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY WILL BE. IN ANY CASE, I WOULD SAY THAT THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL HELP LOWER THE HIGH TEMPERATURE GENERATED BY THE WAR CLIMATE PREVAILING IN TURKEY TODAY."

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